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DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE PAYMENTS TO MATCH FUNDS FOR EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROGRAM

In 2004, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), on behalf of the State Employment Development Department (EDD), requested the Department to provide up to \$200,000 of funding for a grant of up to \$800,000 for a Foster Youth Demonstration Project to provide employment-related training services for Los Angeles County SPAs 3 and 6 foster youth or emancipated foster youth at risk of homelessness. The State confirmed we could use Independent Living Program (ILP) funding for this purpose. EDD released a solicitation for proposals and the grant was awarded to the Foothill Workforce Investment Board (WIB). The grant consists of up to \$200,000 in State Wagner-Peyser funding, \$400,000 in federal WIA funding and \$200,000 in Los Angeles County ILP funding.

The Department agreed, on recommendation of the Emancipation Program Partnership, to provide ILP funding (100% State/federal funding) for this project because Los Angeles County foster youth will benefit greatly from the comprehensive employment supportive services provided under this demonstration project. The cost per youth is less than the usual payments for other vocational programs that do not have the comprehensive services provided through this project. Therefore, the Department will provide a \$2,000 payment to the Foothill WIB for up to 100 youth who self-select this vocational program.

On August 12, 2003, your Board provided DCFS the delegated authority to use Departmental Expenditure payments for educational and vocational services self-selected by youth eligible for Independent Living Program (ILP) services. This is to inform your Board that DCFS will exercise this delegated authority to provide \$2,000 to the Foothill WIB when a foster youth self-selects to enroll in the Foster Youth Demonstration Project.

Please contact me if you have any questions or your staff may contact Helen Berberian, Board Relations manager, at (213) 351-5530. Thank you.

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